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SUBJ: PRESIDENT ROMERO'S DECLARATION CONCERNING ASSASSINATION
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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT ROMERO'S DECLARATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. CARLOS ALFARO CASTILLO, RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR.

QTE: THE MURDER OF THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR, DR. CARLOS ALFARO CASTILLO AND THE TWO EMPLOYEES, FRANCISCO HUMBERTO RAMIREZ AND JORGE ANTONIO LOPEZ ARGUETA, WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM WHEN HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO HIS JOB AT THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, HAS OUTRANGED THE CONSCIENCE OF THE SALVADORAN CITIZENS AND CONSTITUTES ONE MORE REASON TO JOIN OURSELVES IN THE COMMON CAUSE AGAINST VIOLENCE AND AGAINST ITS INSTIGATORS.

IN VIEW OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE RECTOR OF OUR UNIVERSITY,
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I CANNOT BUT EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SORROW IN THE NAME OF THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

THE PREMEDITATION AND THE TREACHERY IN WHICH THESE ACTS ARE PLANNED AND EXECUTED GIVE AWAY THE CRIMINAL INSTINCTS AND THE TOTAL ABSENCE OF ETHICS OF THOSE WHO PRETEND TO RISE TO THE STATUS OF DEFENDERS OF THE PEOPLE, WAVING FALSE FLAGS

OF FREEDOM.

I HAVE ASKED, ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, FOR UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING TO ATTACK THE CAUSES THAT GENERATE SOCIAL DISCONTENT, SINCE I AM SURE THAT THE PROBLEMS THAT RESTRAIN OUR DEVELOPMENT CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY THE COOPERATION OF ALL SALVADORANS, IN A PEACEFULLY AND ORDERLY FASHION AND ACCORDING TO THE LAW; NEVER WITH VIOLENCE.

THE CRIMINAL ACTS OF THE TERRORIST GANGS DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO WAIT FOR POSITIVE ANSWERS FROM THE UNSCRUPULOUS CRIMINAL GROUPS, FOR AWHILE THEY CYNICALLY CALL FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, DO NOT HAVE ANY MISGIVINGS TO KILL IN COLD BLOOD.

IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO ACT DRASTICALLY, WITHIN THE LAW, IN ORDER TO FIGHT THE TREACHEROUS ACTS OF THE EXTREMIST GROUPS.

I MUST REITERATE THAT ONLY THE UNITY OF THE CONSCIENTIOUS SECTORS WOULD GIVE SUCCESSFUL RESULTS AGAINST THE RISE OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY, BECAUSE THOSE WHO PROMOTE THEM ARE IN A POSITION OF OPEN CHALLENGE TO THE LAWS OF THE REPUBLIC, BEGINNING WITH THE CONSTITUTION, AND THEIR OMNIOUS ACTIONS CONFLICT WITH THE DESIRES FOR PEACE OF THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE.

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I WANT THE SALVADORANS TO KNOW THAT THESE PEACE AIMS WILL BE DEFENDED AND STRENGTHENED SINCE THE HONEST CITIZENS ARE IN THE COMPLETE RIGHT TO HAVE GUARANTEES TO LIVE AND WORK IN PEACE AND WITHOUT THE DESTRUCTIVE THREAT OF EXTREMIST VIOLENCE.
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